

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 25 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 3, 4, 27 and 28 and add new Claims 29-38 as follows.

Claims 1 and 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:

a hermetic container including, as constructive members, a first substrate and a second substrate opposite to each other, with an electrode having a specified electric potential, and an external frame disposed between said first substrate and said second substrate;

image display means and wiring for displaying disposed within said hermetic container;

a conductive bonding member for sealing ~~at least one of said~~ first substrate and second substrates and said external frame, said bonding member extending from a sealing area between said first substrate and said external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode is disposed between at least one of said first and second substrates and said external frame; and

a frit that separates said conductive bonding member from said wiring for displaying, ~~wherein~~
~~an electric potential of said conductive bonding member is specified.~~

4. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said conductive bonding member extends from a sealing area ~~onto at least one of~~ between said first substrate and said ~~second substrate~~ external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode, outwardly of said hermetic container.

Claims 5-26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the electric potential of said ~~conductive bonding member~~ electrode is specified at a constant level.

28. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the electric potential of said ~~conductive bonding member~~ electrode is specified at a ground level.

29. (New) An image display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said conductive bonding member extends from said sealing area between said first substrate and said

external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode, inwardly of said hermetic container.

30. (New) An image display apparatus comprising:

a hermetic container including, as constructed members, a first substrate and a second substrate, opposite to each other, with an electrode having a specified electric potential, and an external frame disposed between said first substrate and said second substrate;

image display means disposed within said hermetic container; and

a conductive bonding member for sealing said first substrate and said external frame, said bonding member extending from a sealing area between said first substrate and said external frame to said electrode to come in contact with said electrode.

31. (New) An image display apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said conductive bonding member extends from a sealing area between said first substrate and said external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode, outwardly of said hermetic container.

32. (New) An image display apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said conductive bonding member extends from said sealing area between said first substrate and said

external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode, inwardly of said hermetic container.

33. (New) An image display apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the electric potential of said electrode is specified at a constant level.

34. (New) An image display apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the electric potential of said electrode is specified at a ground level.

35. (New) An image display apparatus comprising:
a first substrate;
a second substrate with an electrode, which is disposed opposite to said first substrate;
an external frame disposed between said first substrate and said second substrate; and
a conductive bonding member for sealing said first substrate and said external frame, which is disposed between said first substrate and said external frame,
wherein said conductive bonding member extends from an area between said first substrate and said external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode.

36. (New) An image display apparatus according to claim 35, wherein at least said first substrate, said second substrate, said external frame, and said conductive bonding member form a hermetic container.

37. (New) An image display apparatus according to claim 35, wherein a conductive bonding member extends from an area between said first substrate and said external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode, outwardly of said hermetic container.

38. (New) An image display apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said conductive bonding member extends from an area between said first substrate and said external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode, inwardly of said hermetic container.